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Wess Sorenson
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Subject: Husbandry Practices on the South Fork Breakout, Canyon Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, C0070005, Task ID #4097

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

The Division has reviewed your proposal to conduct husbandry practices on the South Fork Breakout reclaimed area. The Division is in agreement with the husbandry practices but requires further information in the plan. Consequently, the application is denied. Prior to approval, the permittee must provide the following in accordance with:

R645-301-357.302: According to the seed mixes on tables 4.7-4 and 4.7-5, the South Fork Breakout site had 1,050 and 800 shrubs per acre planted during final reclamation. However, this never occurred due to an oversight. In order to document that the low shrub density at the site is not occurring due to low transplant survival, please include a statement in the MRP that woody species transplants were never planted at the South Fork Breakout site.

R645-301-357.320: Additionally, the vegetation survey report indicated a presence of musk thistle, a noxious weed, at the reclaimed site. The permittee must control the noxious weed by hand or by approved herbicide prior to planting shrubs on the site and annually as stated on page 4-44(a) of the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan.

The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Priscilla Burton at (435) 613-3733 or me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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